

Merced Hospital Association: It is a pleasure to note that the medical men of Merced County, acting under the supervision of the League for the Conservation of Public Health, have been successful in incorporating and financing the Mercy Hospital. This is a community general hospital, the first unit to be of twenty-five beds, and the plans to provide for other units to be added as needed. The board of directors of the institution are all substantial business men of the community and the membership of the local medical society will constitute its staff.

The profession and the people of Merced County are to be congratulated upon this practical, tangible expression of their interest in the welfare of their fellow men.

Weimar Sanitarium.—The Supervisors of the eleven counties operating the tuberculosis sanitarium at Weimar, Placer county, will receive bids for the construction of a new service building for that institution on August 30. The building will be the last word in construction and appointments, and will greatly improve the facilities for handling the steady increase of patients. Mr. W. H. Weeks of San Francisco is the architect. The cost will be \$35,000.

New Clubhouse for California Sanitarium.—Drs. Harry Warren and Max Rothschild of the California Sanitarium, Belmont, Cal., have shown their progressiveness by starting construction of a \$25,000 club building for their institution. It will include a small theater, with stage and moving picture apparatus, library, men's department, solarium, laboratories, etc. It is the first unit of an extensive improvement plan for the sanitarium. Plans and specifications were prepared by W. H. Weeks, the San Francisco architect.

MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL SPECIALTY ORGANIZATIONS

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco County Medical Society, held September 13, it was moved, seconded and carried that the California associations of physiotherapists, medical social workers, radiographers, dietitians and clinical and laboratory technicians be allowed to meet in the society's rooms for purposes of organization until January 1, 1922.

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY SURGEONS

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons was held in the Medical Building, Bush and Hyde streets, San Francisco, on Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. The scientific meetings and luncheons were attended by about sixty members and a number of invited guests. The program was largely surgical and roentgenological.

The officers for 1920-1921 are: Dr. Fred W. Lux, president; Dr. Geo. R. Carson, first vice-president; Dr. Geo. W. Stout, second vice-president; Dr. E. M. Keys, treasurer, and Dr. W. T. Cummins, secretary. For 1922, Dr. S. S. Bogle was elected president and the other officers were re-elected for another year.

Program

1. The Importance of the Human Hand in Industrial Work.
Dr. W. B. Coffey, San Francisco
Discussion: Dr. W. I. Baldwin.
2. Syphilis Simulating Banti's Disease. Case Report and Demonstration of Patient.
Dr. O. E. Eklund, San Francisco
3. A Neglected Region: A Plea for a More Thorough Routine Examination of the Ano-Rectal Tissues.
Dr. J. H. Shaw, Santa Rosa
Discussion: Dr. G. L. Eaton, San Francisco.
4. The Principles of Treatment of Spine Injuries

Without Cord Involvement.

- Dr. W. I. Baldwin, San Francisco
5. Demonstration of Interesting Roentgen Plates.
Dr. L. B. Crow, San Francisco
6. Symposium—Diseases and Their Relationship to the Stomach, Gall Bladder and Appendix.
Medical: Dr. J. Wilson Shiels, San Francisco
Discussions: Dr. Henry Abraham, San Francisco
Dr. F. W. Lux, San Francisco
Surgical: Dr. W. I. Terry, San Francisco
Discussions: Dr. S. S. Bogle, Santa Rosa
Dr. A. W. Morton, San Francisco
Pathological: Dr. D. M. Ervin, San Francisco
Roentgenological: Dr. M. P. Burnham, San Francisco
7. Demonstration of Rehfuß' and Einhorn's Duodenal Tubes.
Dr. H. F. Unsinger, San Francisco
8. Demonstration of Interesting Roentgen Plates.
Dr. M. P. Burnham, San Francisco
Discussion: Dr. S. S. Bogle, Santa Rosa
9. Election of Officers.

The Saint Francis Hospital Clinical Society cordially invites us to attend their monthly meeting at the hospital on Friday, August 26, at 8:30 p. m. Dr. Martin H. Fischer, University of Cincinnati, will present a paper on "Arteriosclerosis," and Dr. John H. Graves, president of the California State Medical Society, will address the meeting on "The Interesting Problems Before the American Medical Association Delegates" at the recent convention.

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Book Reviews

Epidemic Respiratory Disease. By Eugene L. Opie, Francis G. Blake, James C. Small and Thomas M. Rivers. 402 pages. Illustrated. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1921. Price, \$6.50.

This book should be of great value to students of respiratory diseases. It deals with the bacteriology and pathological anatomy of the respiratory infections accompanying influenza and measles and lays particular stress on the pneumonias. It is carefully compiled from observations of cases during the epidemics at Camp Funston and Camp Pike and is a thoroughly complete and scientific treatise on ground covered. H. A. F.

Treatment of Acute Infectious Diseases. By Frank S. Meara. 2d ed. revised. New York: Macmillan Company. 1921.

The second edition of this very valuable book should be hailed with pleasure by every professional worker, teacher, student or physician, because of the excellent and succinct manner in which the material it contains is presented. It fulfills the chief criteria of correctness, simplicity and practicability. Especially to be commended are the chapters upon typhoid, influenza, pneumonia, encephalitis lethargica, and the exanthems. The tabulation of methods at the end of each chapter, and the correlation of specified dietaries could not be improved upon. If we may perhaps cavil at the including of vaccine treatments, without sufficient qualification, among the other more nearly proven methods of treatment, it does not detract from the value of the volume as one of the most useful that have recently been published. C. H. A.

Simplified Infant Feeding. By Roger H. Dennett. 385 pages. Illustrated. 2d edition. 1920. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company.

The title describes the book. The author avoids the complications of percentage feeding. He advocates whole milk modification for normal infants